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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2013 MEETING

Present: Andrew Fischer, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Brucie Moulton.

Absent: Kathleen Bodie, Adam Chapdelaine, Dan Dunn, Bruce Fitzsimmons, David Haas, William Hayner, Gordon Jamieson, John Leone, Josh Lobel, Cheryl Miller, Charlotte Milan, Angela Olszewski, Tarajee Pass.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted with a clarification.
- **Town Day table:** Mary has asked the task groups that usually participate in Town Day to name representatives to a working group to redesign the Vision 2020 booth. So far we have representation from Diversity (Tarajee Pass) and Fiscal Resources (Heather Remoff); we are looking for someone from Environment and Culture and Recreation. The Public Art committee will have its own table. The Vision 2020 booth needs streamlining and could use a catchy slogan.
- **Census Surveys:** At the Robbins Library volunteer expo Mary presented the data from the 2013 survey and described the Vision 2020 volunteer opportunities. Mary and Brucie are about to meet with Carol Kowalski and Joey to start planning for the 2014 survey. Ideas should be sent to Joey. Doing the survey on-line only would make processing and analysis by precinct easier, but so far the great majority of responders seem to prefer paper.
- **Invasive plants:** This topic has been popping up in various ways lately. JRM (trash company) is complaining about invasives mixed with trash. DPW wants invasives kept separate from ordinary (compostable) plant waste collected during cleanups. The Reservoir Committee suggests distributing information specific to Arlington, i.e. what are the worst invasives here. The Open Space Plan is about to be revised, and a campaign against invasives could be one of its goals. Methods could include community education classes and a display at the library. Other groups also have classes and activities, e.g. Habitat in Belmont; we should cooperate rather than compete. We agreed that this was a potential project for the three Environment committees; timing would be late winter - early spring.
- **Coming events:**
 - **True Story Theater** performance topics: July 19 – The Children’s Room; August 10 – Diversity; October 12 – Sustainable Arlington.
 - **“Chairful Where You Sit:”** Chairs will be displayed July 21-28, 3 – 7 p.m., some where the bikepath crosses Lake Street and some on the Jefferson Cutter House lawn.
- **Town Hall topics:**
 - At **Symmes** the town houses are about ready and three are already spoken for; apartments should be ready to rent in late August. About half of the apartments at the **Brigham’s** site are already rented.
 - The **master planning** process is continuing. Four groups have been created: Land use; Natural and cultural resources, open space, and recreation; Transportation; Public facilities and public financing. They are about to start public meetings to gather

input; creating a vision statement and goal setting will come next.